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CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

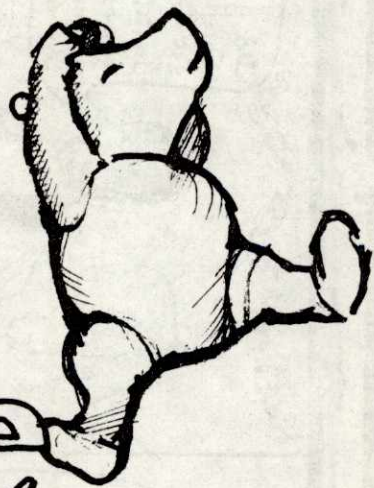


NEW YEAR

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# COXA

# annual dinner dance AT THE norboury hotely february 21st



7.30 PM - 1.00 AM

SINGLE TICKET : £4.50  
DOUBLE TICKET : £8.00

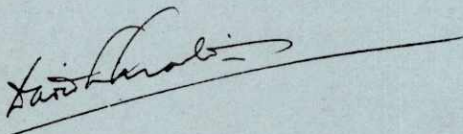
**ONLY 50 TICKETS LEFT...**

To : Graham Hudson, 82, Besley St., S.W.16      Please , please , PLEASE reserve  
.....(number) tickets for me for the Coxa Dinner Dance on 21st February. I enclose  
my cheque for £..... to cover the cost. (Or if you would like to pay by instalments  
send £2 per ticket now and let us chase you for the rest). My guests are.....  
.....I would like to sit with..... Name.....  
Address.....

Announced, sans trumpets, but with a new look, the last issue of Coxan brought the usual massive reaction from our members but undeterred by the stony silence the New Year sees a further issue of the Association Newsletter. It will, of necessity be a somewhat thin issue since the copy-file shows hardly a bulge. Despite the increased cost of postage we think each member should keep in touch, say, once a year so that the main object of the Association can be more easily fulfilled. It would be nice to have a greater section on Personalia but naturally the input can only come from the members whom the Committee meet or hear of, unless there is fresh input from the more far-flung members, particularly the sizeable number now living overseas.

If keeping in touch is a perennial theme then the other theme never far away from the Committee's thoughts is the collection of subscriptions. Subs are now £2.00 p.a. for Ordinary Members, £1.00 for students and those under 21 and £25.00 for Life Membership. The economic collection of these subs is essential for the Association to be able to survive financially. Unless we have a strong membership these functions and events that we are trying to run may need to be curtailed or postponed.

One event which has suffered a chequered career over the past few years is the Annual Dinner Dance which this year will be held on February 21st at Norbury Hotel, London Road, S.W.16, from 7.30 p.m. till 1.00 a.m. This years Vice-Chairman, Graham Hudson is organising the event and we hope it will receive good support, especially in view of the very successful Dinner run last May at the same Hotel. The Association Guests will be the new Headmaster of the College, Mr. Gleeson and his wife, Cecil Pocock, George Day and his wife, together with Brothers Dunstan, Christopher and Plunkett who we hope will all be able to come again. Hope to see you there.



David M. Martin  
January 1976

## 1. BAR-B-QUE and RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE

Only COXA could arrange a riverboat shuffle in NOVEMBER and an evening Bar-B-Que at the end of August. Despite the ridiculous timing, the Bar-B-Que was perhaps the most successful venture ever held at Norbury. (That's if you exclude every Saturday Night after football).

Over 80 people were served with steak, sausages, onions, salad, french bread and a glass of wine for the unbelievable price of 75p . The catering was organised by Phil Roderick-Jones, ably assisted by 'Cat' and Mark Roskowski - A superb job carried out in near darkness.

One of the dressing rooms was converted to a mini "Cats Whiskers" and dancing followed to the sound of the HIXSON tapes. Our grateful thanks go to the Cast . . . . .

CHEF .....	Phil Roderick-Jones
FOOD/MUSIC .....	Tim Hixson
BLACK PUDDING .....	Colin Garvey
PORKY .....	The Pig
ELVIS .....	Graham Hudson
THE DRUNK .....	Pat Burke

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P.S. The Bar takings of £125 were a record for Norbury.

If the Bar-B-Que was the most successful event at Norbury, the Riverboat Shuffle on 21st November was one of the most successful elsewhere. Midst dire warnings to "wear something warm for there isn't any protection" on a bitterly cold November night 150 members and guests packed into a 100 ft Thames pleasure cruiser - glass enclosed with a Disco which soon found its correct r.p.m. and promptly raised the temperature to about 90°F. Clothing became divested quickly, the Bar's greatest problem was collecting empty tins, and all in all it was a great evening including the 100 Club Draw and a grand raffle. Well done Scotty and helpers - just one thing - can we do it again in the Summer?

## 2. BOXING DAY

The Boxing Day festivities at Norbury last year consisted of Knockout Football, Darts Matches, and Beer Swilling (thank you, Mrs. Gore, for mopping up the swill!), with 70 persons packed into the Norbury Clubhouse.

The keen, energetic footballers were divided into four teams:

The Old Old Boys, The Hairy-faced Mob, The Sydenham Girl Punters, The Sprogs.

The Old Boys, being hot favourites, were a very disciplined team under the leadership of Aiden Coletta who, after three minutes of the first game had his name taken by the referee, (who I don't really think is a half-blind son of a \*\*\*\*\*). The favourites, however, were beaten in the final by a shabby, disorganised, hairy-faced rabble. Derek Rowe was heard to mutter "What's this - nobody's wearing proper Club colours!"

The Darts Match was against the 'Sussex' Darts Team - who upon being asked if they wanted to field a football team as before, said something which cannot be printed in a good Catholic magazine. It was a very close game: Sussex 3, Clapham 0. The Clapham darts skipper, Paul Butler, said afterwards at the Press Conference, "We've bin 'it by injuries this season, and 'ad to field some substitutes."

Well, that's the drivel over - now down to the serious Club business ... The Beer Swilling went as planned: the bar was completely drunk dry. Must thank the ladies for turning up and helping out with chorus and actions in "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". Because of the mixed company, Colin Garvey had to quickly improvise the lyrics of "Black Pudding". Most people seemed to go home with beer-stained knees, so I think it can be voted a success.

### 3. CHRISTMAS DRAW RESULTS

1st Prize - Mark Franks - 4161, 2nd Prize - Mrs. R. Synnak - 3027,  
 3rd Prize - M. Hopwood - 3803, Whisky - Mr. Leone - 21754,  
 Gin - Ann Burgess - 23342, Port - D. F. Gamber - 8627, Cups and Saucers -  
 Mrs. B. Durnin - 6482, Christmas Pudding - Mr. Rushbrook - 10317,  
 Ashtray - A. Gallagher - 1225, Sherry - D. Williams - 37081,  
 Champagne - J. Quinn - 24801, Chocolates - M. Carnegie - 12074,  
 Cigars - Eddy - 25500, Cigarettes - Mrs. Robertson - 5497, Cigarettes -  
 W. Hall - 10304, Set of Glasses - John Costelloe - 11690, Set of fruit  
 bowls - T. Ennis - 7045

### 4. 100 CLUB DRAW

We apologise for leaving out the names of the winners of the 100 Club Draw from July to Oct 1975 in our last issue! To make up for this omission we include details of all winners from July 1975 to Dec 1975.

July	£20 D. Masceranhas	Oct.	£20 D. Masceranhas
	£5 J. McNama		£5 J. Donnelly
Aug.	£100 N. Carraccio	Nov.	£100 M. Grice
	£15 J. Bravo		£15 P. Mantelow
Sept.	£20 A. Cleather	Dec.	£20 M. Grice
	£5 D. Martin		£5 R. James

Why not David... he and Brother Dunstan can do the whole Cabaret between them then!

Do you think we can get Graham to do his Elvis impersonation at the Dinner, Tony?

DINNER/DANCE - 21. 2. 76

BOOK NOW! see over...

All's well with the Football Section as we move into the New Year and the Second half of the season. Or rather it should be-if 98 per cent is, then all's well . . . but more about that later.

The new venture to run 5 teams has been a great success and only occasionally have one or two schoolboys been called in to make up the numbers.

The 1st XI are proving themselves worthy of their newly promoted place in Senior Division 3 of the Old Boys' League and could well be in second place with 14 points from 10 matches when the bulletin up to Saturday 3rd January is published. They are in the quarter finals of the Surrey A.F.A. Senior Cup and now face a very hard match against Carshalton.

The 2nd XI, too, are doing well and are probably 4th in Division One South, with 6 wins and a draw out of 10 matches. They are still in the L.O.B. Junior Cup and have reached the quarter finals of the Surrey A.F.A. Junior Cup.

The 3rd XI are going through a lean spell in Division Two South at the moment, but a determined effort this month will quickly improve their record of 5 wins and a draw from 12 League matches.

It is left to the 4th XI to show the best League record, with 7 wins from 7 matches and 48 goals For and 8 Against. With a total of just 16 matches in their Division Five South, can they possibly make it a ton?

Hearty congratulations are due to Mick McGrath who played twice recently for the Old Boys' League representative 'B' XI.

And now for the bit that's not all well . . . . At the start of the season we received a note from the League Council congratulating the Club on the very good disciplinary record achieved last season. The Secretary went on to say that "the Council is determined to do all it can to improve the overall standards of conduct on the field and I am sure that we can rely on your players to make every effort to continue in the present manner." Unfortunately, to date, we have received 3 Cautions and 2 Sendings-Off, and thereby spoilt our good record. The Club's disciplinary committee has been forced to meet on occasions and players must all realise that bad behaviour will not be tolerated.

Derek Rowe  
Hon. Secretary

- \*\*\* At Norbury Clubhouse on Boxing Day was Mick Meade (1962). He is here from Australia until the Spring. He is still living in W. Australia but no longer has to drive 50 miles on a Friday night to the nearest pub, as he did last year. He brought Deirdre to the Clubhouse and she drew the 100 Club tickets (amongst other things!)
- \*\*\* Bill Rouane (1959) married Karen in November in Montreal, Canada. Pete Keenan (1962) was unable to attend.
- \*\*\* Recently seen in the Windmill pub were Lawrence Upton (1967) who is now publicity secretary to the N.U.S. when he isn't writing poetry. Also Andrew Tworkowski (1967) who is a Phd Research Fellow (Atomic Physics) at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- \*\*\* A recent visitor to the Clubhouse was Frank Ferrett who was committing the heinous crime of playing football for one of our unnamed Old Boys opponents. He asked after John Keenan.
- \*\*\* Congratulations to Tony Gray (1963) and wife Evelyn on the birth of a son, Jean-Christophe, on 16th November. Uncle Phil Gray (1961) in Paris with two daughters, thinks it must be the Guinness.
- \*\*\* Tony Morrish taking a day off from the Underground visited Bishop Thomas Grant School, Streatham to see 'Old King Cole' only to find OKC was Steve Stewart (1971) in disguise. Also involved were Ray Gately (1972), John Murtagh (1969), Bob Murtagh (Lower Sixth), whilst lurking backstage under the pseudonym of Scenery Designer was Chairman David Martin (1960).
- \*\*\* Nicholas Maguire (1959) is working in computers and living in Reading, and strangely enough Nick was seen at 'Old King Cole' the day after Tony Morrish. (To avoid yet another mention Peter Murphy was also there!)
- \*\*\* Denis Quin meanwhile was appearing to a larger audience via Panorama on January 5th.
- \*\*\* John Woollard has arranged a cricket tour to South Africa which will keep him away from the Sussex for months.
- \*\*\* Terry Cain (1961) and Margaret have moved to Troubridge(?) (Shropshire).
- \*\*\* Congratulations to Colin Garvey (1963) and Mary on the birth of a third daughter Lucy Jane, on 14th December, 1975, and also to Alan Fulker (1965) and wife Diane on a baby born on Christmas Day.
- \*\*\* We hear that fame has found the family of that arch-slanderer of COXAN Personalia Danny Dovj. Danny's father was recently awarded a B.E.M. What's happened Danny? Haven't had any totally false reports from you for four issues?

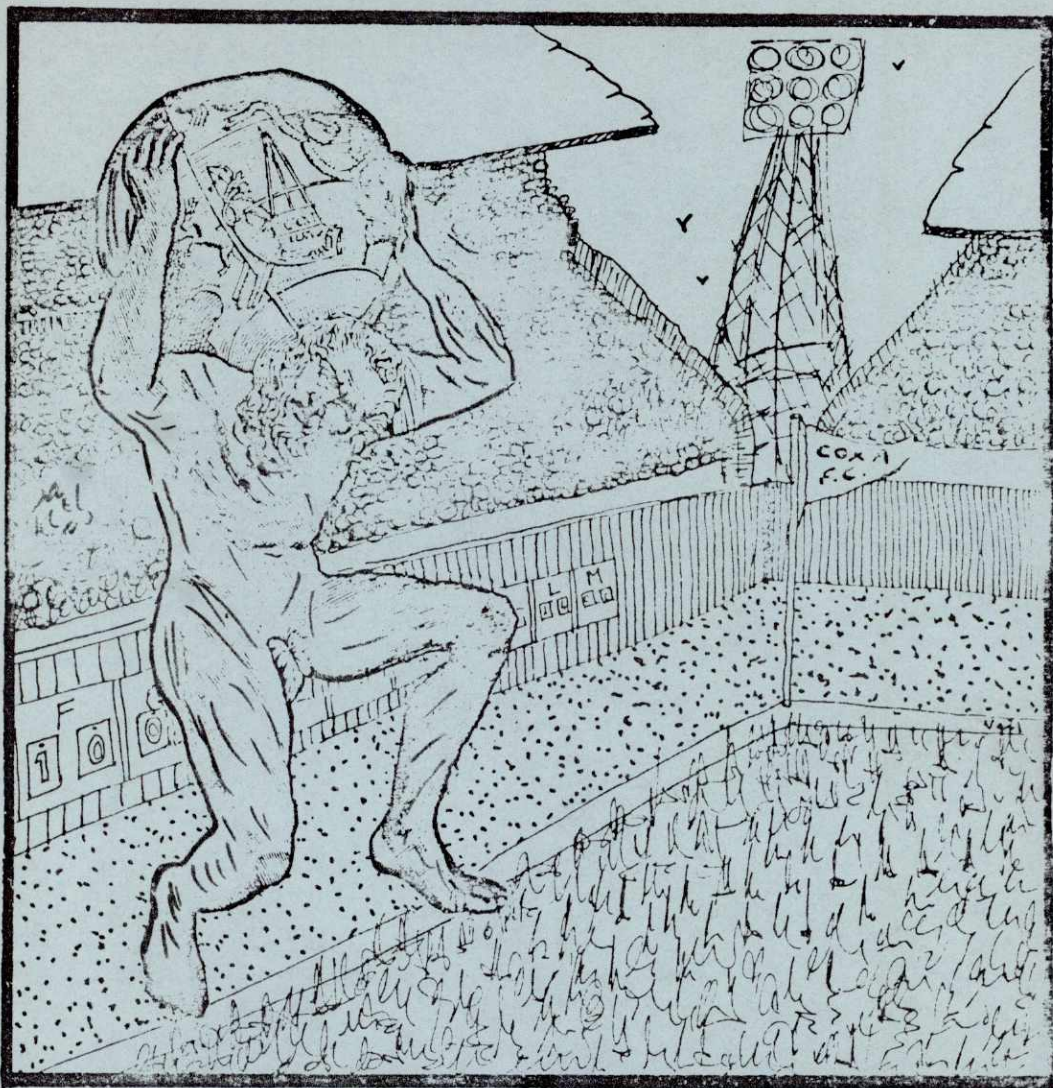
- \*\*\* New faces seen on football field: Brendan Williams (1975) newly left - striker Alan Wood (Staff member). Joe Bravo - after 2 seasons of injury.
- \*\*\* Peter Murphy (Ex. Club House Manager) now living near Stratford-on-Avon was seen just prior to XMAS at an Italian restaurant near London Bridge Station. Bottles of wine were exchanged between P.M. and his party and the COXA (City Division) DRINKING CLUB members present were ERNIE LARKIN, VIC ROSZKOWSKI, MICK POWELL, SCOTTY MACDONALD, MICK GRICE, PAUL WEST, WILSON BOWES, PHIL RODERICK-JONES and one old Suttonian.
- \*\*\* Christine Carter, sister of David Julian and Paul, and sister-in-Law of Brian Sanders, was married on December 20th at the Sacred Heart, Camberwell. The priest officiating is (was) the new curate at Camberwell, Fr. Eric Meade (1960) (one-time editor of the sc. urge of Clapham - The Daily Glass).
- \*\*\* Donald MacDonald (Scotty to some) was married to Liz Doolan at the Holy Ghost Church, Nightingale Square on Wednesday 26th November. Mick Grice (Blod to others) appeared as Best Man. The cast of thousands included many Old Xaverians.
- \*\*\* Bernard Farrell unable to come to the Annual Mass for the first time in years sends best wishes "to all who remember me!"
- \*\*\* Father Leonard Marchant (1915-1916) sends best wishes from the White Fathers in Rome.
- \*\*\* Mick McGrath recently played for the Old Boys League 'B' Team against Combined London Banks - the result 1 - 1 - no he didn't concede the goal.
- \*\*\* Nice to hear from Bill Madigan now living in Leighton Buzzard having retired from the Civil Service after 45 years in harness, who not only sent in the counterfoils of the Xmas Draw tickets he'd sold but also sent us a cutting from the Telegraph which covered the presentation of the Croix de Chevalier to Peter Reynier, the Victoria Wine Shipper, at the Dorchester. Bill recalled that Peter was well known "umpteens years ago" and played cricket and football regularly for COXA, (could this be the subject of our cartoon opposite?)
- \*\*\* Beating the copy date deadline by a postman's knock comes a letter from Mick Magee (1964?) now under seige in Muscat, Oman. Seems incredible but apparently the post is even worse out there than in the U.K. (presumably their camels are slower than Her Majesty's Mules!). As well as sending a cheque for Life Membership Mick also recounted tales of banditry and bombardment which make us wonder whether he wouldn't have found the £2 a year sub better value. Apparently, he's building a road to Sarfait in Western Dhofar which is regularly shelled from the Yemen. Mick's had to brush up his rifle drill and his shooting - they practice with live ammo ('cause we aint got no blanks) but there's no fear of a shortage - the camp he's in at the moment has 10 million rounds in stock!

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All Personalia should be sent to David Martin, 59 Thornhill, North Weald Bassett, Epping, Essex.

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"I knew I shouldn't have gone drinking before the match - I feel stoned out of my head"